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Examiner: Lori Baker Amerson

REMARKS

In the In response to the objection to the specification that was directed to the absence from the specification of an explicit recitation of the structure, materials and acts recited in the claims as means plus function, the means claims have been canceled. This obviates the bases for objection to the specification and to claim 7 and 15.

In response to the objection to the claims based on the use of the term "characterised", this term has been deleted from the claims. In response to the objection to the use of reference numerals in the claims, these reference numerals have been deleted.

Claims 1, 3-16 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention.

Reconsideration is requested.

The claims have been amended to point out the invention by specifying the elements and the relation between the elements of the apparatus. Claim 1, line 5 has been amended to recite that the support and guide member is one to which two footboards are attached. The term "support for feet" which described the function of the footboards has been deleted. The term "for performing a hunting motion" has been deleted and the term "adapted for rotation" has been inserted into claim 1 to describe the function of the support and guide member 14 as set forth in the specification at page 6, lines 4-15 and Fig. 1. The Examiner's comments regarding a functional limitation in a claim have been noted but in the present situation, no prior art has been applied and it is believed that it is proper to recite the function of the support and guide element which is defined in claim 1. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

The drawings were objected to as not showing the safety device of claim 16. The cancellation of claim 16 has rendered moot this ground of objection.

The drawings were also objected to as including reference characters 16, 30, 25 and 19 which were not mentioned in the specification.

Reconsideration of this requirement is requested.

Reference character 16 is mentioned in the specification at page 9, line 4,

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page 10, line 23 and page 13 line 23; reference character 30 is mentioned in the specification at page 9, line 24; reference character 25 is mentioned in the specification at page 7, line 23 and reference character 19 is mentioned in the specification at page 11, line 14. For these reason, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

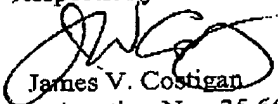
The drawings were also objected to because reference character 14 had been used to designate both the "support guide" and the "bar". A further objection was made with regard to reference character 24 as being used to designate both a "seat" and a "pin"

In response to this rejection, the specification has been amended and new drawings are being presented.

In Fig. 1, reference character 14 has been deleted. In the specification the text has been amended to clarify that reference character 14 refers to the support and guide member 14. Other amendments have been made to point out that the reference character 134 refers to the "user's seat in accordance with the original text at page 9, line 16. The use of reference character 24 at page 8, line 18 has been amended to point out that the term "pin" refers to the structure around which the seat rotates. At pages 12 and 13, the specification was amended with regard to embodiment 10' to point out that the top and bottom plates as 18' and 18". A corresponding amendment has been made in new drawings of Figs. 5 and 6. No new matter has been introduced and it is requested that the objections of record be withdrawn.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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